

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2714**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Roger Hernández**

February 21, 2014

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An act to amend Section 22511.5 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2714, as introduced, Roger Hernández. Vehicles: disabled persons placard.

Existing law authorizes a disabled person or disabled veteran displaying a special license plate or a distinguishing placard, as issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles or foreign jurisdiction, to park for unlimited periods in specified zones, including, but not limited to, any parking zone that is restricted to the length of time parking is permitted, and to park in metered spaces without paying parking meter fees.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to protect the needs of disabled persons and veterans and would prohibit a city or county from adopting an ordinance or passing a resolution that limits in any way the authority for a disabled person or disabled veteran to park a vehicle pursuant to these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 22511.5 of the Vehicle Code is amended  
2     to read:

1 22511.5. (a) (1) A disabled person or disabled veteran  
2 displaying a special license ~~plates~~ *plate* issued under Section 5007  
3 or a distinguishing placard issued under Section 22511.55 or  
4 22511.59 is allowed to park for unlimited periods in any of the  
5 following zones:

6 (A) In any restricted zone described in paragraph (5) of  
7 subdivision (a) of Section 21458 or on streets upon which  
8 preferential parking privileges and height limits have been given  
9 pursuant to Section 22507.

10 (B) In any parking zone that is restricted as to the length of time  
11 parking is permitted as indicated by a sign erected pursuant to a  
12 local ordinance.

13 (2) A disabled person or disabled veteran is allowed to park in  
14 any metered parking space without being required to pay parking  
15 meter fees.

16 (3) This subdivision does not apply to a zone for which state  
17 law or ordinance absolutely prohibits stopping, parking, or standing  
18 of all vehicles, or which the law or ordinance reserves for special  
19 types of vehicles, or to the parking of a vehicle that is involved in  
20 the operation of a street vending business.

21 (b) A disabled person or disabled veteran is allowed to park a  
22 motor vehicle displaying a special disabled person license plate  
23 or placard issued by a foreign jurisdiction with the same parking  
24 privileges authorized in this code for any motor vehicle displaying  
25 a special license plate or a distinguishing placard issued by the  
26 Department of Motor Vehicles.

27 (c) (1) *It is the intent of the Legislature to protect the needs of*  
28 *disabled persons and disabled veterans by prohibiting local*  
29 *governments from restricting their ability to park a vehicle*  
30 *pursuant to this section.*

31 (2) *A city or county shall not adopt an ordinance or pass a*  
32 *resolution that limits in any way the authority for a disabled person*  
33 *or disabled veteran to park a vehicle pursuant to this section.*